

REMARKS

Claims 7 and 29 are herein amended. Applicants propose to amend Claim 7 to delete redundant subject matter. Specifically, the phrase “storing the the network addresses in the first cache entry of the secure IPSEC cache” is changed to “storing the [[the]] network addresses in the first cache entry of the secure IPSEC cache”, to remove the duplicate “the”. Because this essentially corrects a typographical error not affecting the merits of its allowability, further substantive consideration of Claim 7 is not required.

Applicants propose to amend Claim 29 to change “resolv” to “resolve”. Because this essentially corrects a typographical error not affecting the merits of its allowability, further substantive consideration of Claim 29 is not required.

M.P.E.P. 714.16 states that amendments that add new claims after allowance should be accompanied by remarks that fully and clearly state the reasons on which reliance is placed to show: (1) why the amendment is needed; (2) why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search; (3) why the claims are patentable; and (4) why they were not presented earlier.

(1) Why the amendment is needed. The amendments are needed to correct inadvertent errors.

(2) Why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination. The amendments essentially correct typographical errors and are not believed to change the scope of the claims. Because Claims 7 and 29 have already been examined and allowed, the amendment herein does not present any new limitation, or any new combination of limitations, that was not earlier examined.

(3) Why the claims are patentable. The new claims are patentable for the same reasons given in Applicants' prior correspondence in this prosecution, because the amendment herein does not substantively change the scope of the claim.

(4) Why they were not earlier presented. The claim as amended herein was not earlier presented because Applicants first identified the matter that is corrected herein upon reviewing the claims as allowed in response to receiving the Notice of Allowance.

For the foregoing reasons, entry and allowance of the amendments and additional claims presented by this amendment is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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For the foregoing reasons, entry and allowance of the amendments and additional claims presented by this amendment is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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